

Tuesday p. m. the Colonel and I went out to the target range to see our men B. and B. target practice.

*July 31, '18, Wednesday.* A rather lively night, but nothing serious near us. Today has been a very strenuous one, busy from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and almost continuously. The Colonel met me at 9:20 a.m. and we started out to inspect our camps and some of the work we are doing. We got balled up a little bit at the 1st Battalion at Furze camp, as none of the orderlies seemed to know where the camp of B Company was located. The Colonel turned out all the Battalion Headquarters and had them take us over to the camp, which we found in very good condition and 1st Sergeant Jenkins right on the job. We wanted to see Major Cothran and rode around to our Division (30th) Engineer dump on the Proven-Poperinghe road. We had been there only a few minutes when the Major came up. Found that the reason no men were working at the time of our visit to the West Poperinghe line was that they had completed their task assigned to them and gone back to their camp. As far as possible we try to divide the work up into tasks, and when a platoon or squad has finished its task its work for the day is over. We find the plan works very well. The men do more work in less time and usually better work. When through talking with the Major we drove back to camp for dinner.

We started out again right after dinner to visit three of our camps east of the East Poperinghe line. On this visit after leaving the car on the Poperinghe-Ypres road we wore the steel helmets for fear of shrapnel from bursting shells over our heads.

We found Captain Seelye and Lieutenant Murphy at the first camp 28/G10 Central with F2. This camp is right in the V of the railroad but up to last night had never been shelled to amount to anything. Last night between 50 and 70 shells (5.9) were fired at the railroad. I do not think they were firing at the camp, but at the track and trains that move over it at night in considerable numbers. The shells struck all around their shelters and did some material damage. There was one casualty, a corporal of the Royal Engineers was killed. He had been in the company, 11 Royal Engineers, eight years, the past four in the present war. They had a splendid bathing arrangement with boiler, tubs, etc., but it no longer